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THE DUTY OF SELF-Respecting Colored Men.

The late Constitutional Convention, elected delegates direct from the people and which is suggestive of the sentiment of the people of Oklahoma as it now exists, and since that body of men representing no doubt, the wishes of their constituents, took especial pains to hold our race up to public ridicule and scorn, and since the political party to whom we have for years given allegiance utterly eschewed taking up our fight, but remained silent, and in many cases laughed in their sleeves, thereby and have given to our enemy, the Democratic party encouragement along these lines, and since every act, every word or expression made by that Convention was, is, and has been inimical to our well being in the new state, and as stronger proofs that we are being ignored, it might be well for colored men to fully understand that the Republican managers have latterly forwarded written invitations to all men who are in the least pronounced in party matters to meet at Oklahoma City, for the purpose of outlining a the course which the party should take, and never has it appears, that out of our large colored population, been one, a single one of sufficient importance to the party to have met with them so that we to might be apprised of the workings of the party to which we contribute so much.

Now, be it resolved, that we ask every SELF RESPECTING colored man to affix his name to this document, that we make it an open public document, so that "he who runs may read" our position in the coming contest. First. That we do not believe it prudent that we vote for the adoption of the Constitution as presented. That we do not believe that we should vote for a single officer who may ask for the popular suffrage, in that to vote against the Constitution, and to vote for an officer, would be a contradictory proceeding, and that

we hereby sign this as our pledge to vote for no officer, while we are voting the yoke off our own shoulders, by casting this vote against the Constitution. That we respectfully request the Republicans who may aspire for place to excuse those who have signed this and similar documents in self protection, from voting, as ordinarily they would vote were it not voting personal harm to each and every one of us.

Respectfully submitted.

The above was sent us by a prominent politician of Okla.

—Editor.

The Negroes have good memories and they can't forget what O'Hara said last year that down in the heart of every white man (he meant Democrat) there was a lynching bee.

Pat Levi says he is home for keeps and that all of his efforts will be against the hide-bound bourbon Democracy that is striving to control the new state and disfranchise a large per cent of the Republican party. All the boys are getting in harness for their rights.

The report sent to the Cincinnati paper by some correspondent from this town was one of the most damnable lies ever published. Of course the fellow who sent it was a Democrat. We have received letters from all over the country asking for information about the race war in Muskogee and every time we have tried to give the quotation from Shakespeare "that it is an odious lie," and we know that at the least, all decent people agree with us.

NOTICE.

To the Negroes of Oklahoma and Indian Territories:

The constitutional convention authorized by act of congress, entitled "An Act to enable the people of the territories to form a constitution for the state of Oklahoma," has about completed a constitution which will be submitted to the people of the two territories for ratification in the near future.

And realizing the importance of having our people fully advised as

to the consequences that will result from the ratification or rejection of the said constitution, I have deemed it expedient to call you together in convention to take such steps as will insure to the Negro voters of the two territories a fair and full explanation of this constitution.

Now, therefore, know ye that I, J. Coody Johnson, president of the Negro Protective League of Oklahoma and Indian Territories, do, by virtue of authority in me vested by said Protective league, call a convention to convene in extraordinary session in Oklahoma City, on Monday, April 22, 1907, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day.

There has probably been no event in the history of the negroes of said territories when more conservative action and sober thought is demanded than now, and you are therefore urgently and earnestly requested in the selection of delegates to this convention to choose those representatives who have or whom you believe to have the best interest of the race at heart.

The apportionment of delegates shall be 150 from the Indian Territory and 150 from Oklahoma Territory, to-wit: 50 delegates from Creek nation, 30 delegates from Cherokee nation, 25 delegates from Choctaw nation, 25 delegates from Chickasaw nation, and 20 delegates from the Seminole nation.

The apportionment for Oklahoma shall be the same as heretofore, to be selected according to the Negro population of the respective counties.

The delegates and their alternates shall be selected on or before the 20th day of April, 1907.

Given under my hand at Wewoka, I. T., this, the 25th day of March, 1907.

J. COODY JOHNSON,
President Negro Protective League
of Oklahoma and Indian Territories.
WWM. HARRISON, Secretary.

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I hereby solemnly agree and guarantee to make no charge if I fail to call you by name in full names of your friends, enemies or rivals. I promise to tell you whether your husband, wife or sweetheart is true or false, tell you how to gain the love of the one you most desire, even though miles away. How to succeed in business, speculation lawsuits: how to marry the one of your choice: how to regain youth, health and vitality. Removes all evil influences, cures drink habit, locates treasures,

cures all nervous diseases.

How can I have good luck?

How can I succeed in business?

How can I make my home happy?

How can I conquer my enemies?

How can I marry the one I choose?

How can I marry well?

How soon can I marry?

How can I conquer my rival?

How can I make any one love me?

How soon will my love propose?

How can I get a letter?

How can I get a good position?

How can I remove bad influences?

How can I control any one?

How make distant ones think of me?

How can I settle my quarrel?

How can I hold my husband's love?

How can I keep my wife's love?

Sheldon never asks questions.

It will take the united efforts of the Democratic party to cross the track with the majority that it had last year and when they do cross they will meet "the boys in the trenches" with a majority from the West side never known in the politics of the town. Watch it.

All loyal citizens of great Muskogee condemn the report of race war in this city and deplore the fact that the falsehood has been sent out in the world. We are a peaceable people and all races get along amicably here.

Every Democrat who favors Haskell favors jim crowism.

Can any self respecting Negro vote for the outfit in Muskogee who are the pliant tools and supporters of the Haskell constitution.

The fellows who were fooled by Haskell last year are repentant. You can't fool them again. Ask Pat Levi.

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